

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is obviously partisan and politically motivated, especially considering that Sinclair employees are Bush appointees, and that Sinclair forbid its stations to broadcast material sensitive (and potentially damaging) to Bush's war in Iraq: Ted Koppel's April 30th Nightline broadcast, where Mr. Koppel read the names of 523 American soldiers killed in Iraq up to that date.

This is consolidated media at its worst, serving the needs of the few and powerful.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.